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Substitute Senate Bill No. 1348

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The Committee on Public Safety reported through SEN. PENN of the 23rd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

**AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A
CAREER LADDER FOR POLICE OFFICER, FIREFIGHTER AND EMT
EXPLORERS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Not later than one year after the effective date of this section, the
2 Commissioner of Public Safety shall submit a report to the joint
3 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of
4 matters relating to public safety and appropriations and to the select
5 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
6 relating to workforce development concerning whether the state shall
7 establish and fund a career ladder to enable a person participating in a
8 police officer, firefighter or emergency medical technician explorers
9 program operated by an organized local police or fire department, or a
10 volunteer fire company or emergency medical services organization to
11 receive credit towards (1) certification as a police officer, firefighter or
12 emergency medical technician, or (2) the completion of an associate
13 degree in law enforcement, criminal justice or emergency medical or

- 14 fire services at a regional community-technical college.

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: Minimal Cost

Affected Agencies: Department of Public Safety, Various State Agencies

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation**State Impact:**

This bill would result in minimal costs to the Department of Public Safety (DPS) that could be absorbed within their existing resources. The bill requires the commissioner of DPS to submit a report to the general assembly on whether the state should establish and fund a career ladder, which would enable a person participating in various explorers programs to receive relevant job or educational credit for such experience. Persons participating in explorers programs that are run by an organized local police or fire department, or a volunteer fire company or emergency medical services organization could qualify for police officer, firefighter, and emergency medical technician experience and educational credit.

It is anticipated that DPS would consult with the Police Officer Standards and Training Council, the Commission on Fire Prevention and Control and the Department of Public Health for recommendations on how explorer experience could count towards

professional certification. They would also consult with Regional Community-Technical Colleges to determine what credit could be given towards an associate degree in law enforcement, criminal justice or emergency medical or fire services. It is anticipated that these state agencies would also incur minimal costs for their participation that could be absorbed within their existing appropriations.

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